Meeting Minutes
Reuse and Repair Stakeholder meeting -- Friday, March 4, 2022 meeting

Thanks to all of those who attended, so great to see everyone albeit virtually! The entire meeting was recorded for those who were unable to make this fun and informative meeting.

1. Group participated in a lightening round breakout groups to informally meet one another and make connections. Review the items needed/offered sheet on the Stakeholder Google Doc – great opportunities to receive or distribute.

2. Virtual Field Trips!

Many thanks to our two virtual presenters:

Neil Larson, Executive Director at Waterside Workshop for touring the group around their Street Level Cycles youth job-training program and bike repair shop. Great to see how salvaged bikes can be rebuilt to provide green transportation for low-income youth and adults. Remember them next time you need to purchase a bicycle!

The Surplus Service crew, including Jeff Hicks and Lou Ramondetta, gave us a great overview of their facility (and staff) to show the group how they provide the highest and best end of life solutions for e-waste, via refurbishment and reuse of electronics rather than recycling or sending them to the landfill.

3. Meri provided updates in several areas:

StopWaste grants – January 2022 grant solicitation now closed. Received 76 applications requesting $1.6 million dollars for all grant focus areas. 22 Reuse and Repair grants totaling $460k in requests with a budget of $200k – very competitive grant year. Decisions will be made by end of April 2022.

Overview of the various resource tools available to the members of the Reuse and Repair Stakeholder group. Please take a minute to review and utilize these excellent resources:

- Bay Area Reuse and Repair Community FaceBook Page. JOIN and utilize as a resource for announcements and items needed or offered.
- Stakeholder Google Doc – this is a comprehensive listing of all reuse and repair entities in the Bay who participate in this group. Use this document to reach out to one another. Please take a moment to review your contact information as well as any other entities that are missing from the list – help us grow this group!
- Re:Source –StopWaste’s online guide for reuse, recycling and composting. Please take a look and make sure your entity is listed. Edits should be directed to Jeanine at Jsidran@stopwaste.org.

All of these resources are available on the Reuse and Repair Stakeholder webpage

4. All attendees had the opportunity to share with the group upcoming events, resources and announcements. Items from chat and meeting captured on the next page:
UPCOMING EVENTS:

NCRA Recycling Update
Tue, March 15, 8:30am-5pm
In-person at Freight & Salvage, Berkeley, and streamed on-line via Zoom
10-minute “lightning sessions” on trends and developments around the 4Rs, including reuse & repair
https://ncrarecycles.org/recycling-update/

Open Electronics Night
Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM PDT
Ace Makerspace, Oakland
https://www.meetup.com/Ace-Makerspace/events/284216715

Sewing Clinic and Clothing Swap
Saturday April 2 from 10am-12:30pm
Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94579
Co-hosted by City of San Leandro, Fixit Clinic, and Buy Nothing San Leandro
Register: